

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/731,706

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-4 are pending in the application. In response to the Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims define patentable subject matter.

As a preliminary matter, the undersigned thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of the telephonic interviews regarding the present application.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Rangan (U.S. Patent No. 6,412,073). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

As discussed during the telephonic interview on October 22, 2004, claim 1 has been amended to recite:

 said retrieval server of said information retrieval site is configured to ...
 transmit to said information terminal names or address information of said
information providing sites and said data providing the detailed information
 which is retrieved from said retrieval database so as to cause a monitor of said
 information terminal to display names or address information of said
information providing sites and said data providing the detailed information
 regarding the similar services respectively provided by said information providing
 sites in a comparative manner.

As agreed by the Examiner during the October 22 interview, Rangan does not teach or suggest a retrieval server which is configured to transmit both the names/addresses of the information providing sites and the detailed information regarding the similar services provided by the information providing sites so as to cause the information terminal displays both the names/addresses of the information providing sites and the detailed information regarding the similar services provided by the information providing sites. Instead, Rangan's personalized

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WEB page simply displays the website URLs or hyperlinks (e.g., "LBC.com"), the user names (e.g., "John Doe") and encrypted passwords in a corresponding manner. That is, although Rangan's personalized WEB page provides the names/addresses of the information providing sites (i.e., the website URLs or hyperlinks), it does not provide detailed information regarding similar services provided by the information providing sites, as claimed.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-4 should be allowable over the cited reference.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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